

ABSTRACT

An engine (1) of a vehicle comprises an identification device (11) which verifies the identification code of an electronic key (12) using a wireless signal. The controller (5) executes an idle stop under predetermined stop conditions (S6, S7) and re-starts the engine (1) during the idle stop when any one of a plurality of restart conditions are satisfied. The restart conditions include a restart request from the driver of the vehicle (S6, S7). The controller (7) commands the identification device (11) to verify the identification code of the electronic key (12) when restart conditions are established which do not correspond to the restart request to the engine (1) of the driver during an idle stop. When the verification is unsuccessful, restarting of the engine (1) is prohibited and thus it is possible to prevent restarting the engine (1) when the driver is not present.